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SUBJ: CHILEAN-COLOMBIAN CONSULTATIONS ON DECISION 24

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1) CHILEAN DEL LED BY MINECON COORDINATION, RAUL SAEZ AND INCLUDING AMB PEDRO DAZA AND PEDRO CORREA OF FONOFF AND RAIMUNDO BARROS, LAFTA AFFAIRS ADVISOR, ARRIVED BOGOTA AUG 21 TO CONSULT WITH GOC ON ANDEAN INTEGRATION. ACCORDING TO PRESS THEY HAD TWO HOUR MTG WITH PRES LOPEZ ON DAY OF ARRIVAL. SAEZ QUOTED AS SAYING PRINCIPAL PROBLEM AT PRESENT IS MANNER OF ACCELERATING ECONOMIC PROCESS IN ANDEAN GROUP, DECISION 24 AND INTERNAL CHILEAN DISPOSITIONS.

2) FORNMIN LIEVANO AGUIRRE ISSUED FOL STATEMENT EVENING OF AUG21: "EVIDENTLY THERE HAS EXISTED A DIFFERENCE OF INTERPRETATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE SO CALLED DECREE-LAW NO 600 OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT THAT DEALS WITH THE FOREIGN CAPITAL REGIME. THIS DISCREPANCY HAS CONSISTED IN THAT THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ANDEAN GROUP ARE NOT IN THEIR TOTALITY IN AGREEMENT THAT THIS DECREE-LAW IS IN HARMONY
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WITH THE DECISIONS OF RESOLUTION 24 OF THE ANDEAN GROUP. THE

GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA HAS CONSIDERED WITH THE OTHER MEMMBERS OF THE ANDEAN GROUP THAT THERE ARE ARTICLES IN CHILEAN DECREE 600 THAT REALLY ARE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH DECISION 24 AND TALKS ARE GOING FORWARD BETWEEN A GROUP OF COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC EXPERTS AND THE CHILEAN DELEGATION IN SEARCH OF AN AGREEMENT OR HARMONIZATION ON THIS CONTROVERSIAL MATTER. UP TO NOW I AM UNABLE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT ABOUT THE RESULT OF THESE CONVERSATIONS, THAT JUST BEGAN AT 4:00 PM TODAY: BUT THOSE CONVERSATIONS ARE GOING FORWARD WITH A SPIRIT OF THE GREATEST CORDIALITY WITH THE DESIRE OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT AND OF COURSE THE COLOMBIAN POSITION IS TO DEFEND DECISION 24 WHICH WE CONSIDER VITAL FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE COUNTRIES THAT FORM PART OF THE ANDEAN GROUP."

3) COMMENT: FONOFF HAS TOLD US THAT GOC IS DEFINITELY CONCERNED ABOUT CHILEAN FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAW, BUT THIS IS FIRST OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THE SUBJ. NOR HAS THERE BEEN MUCH PRESS COVERAGE OF CHILEAN INVESTMENT LAW. GIVEN OUR PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION THAT NEW LOPEZ GOVERNMENT WILL BE STRONG BACKER OF ANDEAN PACT INCLUDING DECISION 24, SEEMS LIKELY THAT PRESENT DISCUSSIONS IN BOGOTA CAN ONLY RESULT IN AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE. VAKY

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